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REF: SAIGON 5955

SUBJECT: DZU OPPOSITION MOVEMENT

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS RELEASE APPEARING SEPTEMBER 18, A JOINT STEERING COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED BETWEEN THE "FRONT STRUGGLING TO CARRY OUT DEMOCRACY" AND THE "MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE STRUGGLING FOR DEMOCRACY", FORMER

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IS ORGANIZATION COMPRISING FIVE DEFEATED PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES AND LATTER GROUPS TOGETHER A NUMBER OF LOSERS IN UPPER HOUSE ELECTION (SEE REFTEL).

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2. PHAN KHAC SUU IS CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT STEERING COMMITTEE. IT ALSO INCLUDES VU HONG KHANH, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, NGUYEN HOA HIEP, TRUONG DINH DZU, DZU'S RUNNING-MADE TRAN VAN CHIEU AND SEVERAL OF THE UNSUCCESSFUL UPPER HOUSE CANDIDATES. ORGANIZATION ALSO ANNOUNCED FORMATION OF A STANDING COMMITTEE HEADED BY DZU AS SECRETARY-GENERAL AND INCLUDING PHAM THAI, NGUYEN TRAN, NGUYEN TUONG BA, PHAM LOI, HONG NGOC, TRUONG MINH CHIEU AND TRAN VAN CHIEU.

3. AMONG THE FIRST STEPS TAKEN BY THIS JOINT STEERING COMMITTEE WAS TO ADDRESS LETTER TO AMBASSADOR DATED SEPTEMBER 19 DESCRIBING THE RECENT ELECTIONS AS A FRAUD AND CALLING ON THE UNITED STATES "TO CEASE INTERVENTION IN INTERNAL VIETNAMESE AFFAIRS WITH THE PURPOSE OF VALIDATING A FRAUDULENT, UNDEMOCRATIC ELECTION". THE LETTER IS SIGNED BY PHAN KHAC SUU, VU HONG KHANH, NGUYEN HOA HIEP, TRUONG DINH DZU, AND PHAM THAI. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY

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EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF LETTER WHICH WAS RECEIVED AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 20:

QUOTE. WE WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU THAT THE FRONT STRUGGLING TO CARRY OUT DEMOCRACY INCLUDING FIVE PRESIDENTIAL SLATES REPRESENTING TWO MILLION VOTERS AND THE MOVEMENT OF THE PEOPLE STRUGGLING FOR DEMOCRACY INCLUDING 27 UPPER HOUSE SLATES REPRESENTING 70 PERCENT OF THE VOTERS RESOLVED IN A MEETING HELD IN SAIGON ON SEPTEMBER 19, 1967, THAT:

1. THE ELECTION ORGANIZED BY THE THIEU/KY GOVERNMENT ON SEPTEMBER 3, 1967, WAS A FRAUDULENT ONE CONTRARY TO THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLES ASPIRATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TRUE DEMOCRACY:

2. GENERALS THIEU AND KY, DESPITE USE OF ALL MEANS OF FRAUD, ONLY RECEIVED ONE-THIRD OF THE VOTE. THUS TWO THIRDS OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE VOTED NO-CONFIDENCE

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IN THE LEADERSHIP OF GENERALS THIEU AND KY.

3. SPEAKING FOR A MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE, THE DEMOCRATIC FRONT AND THE DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT ARE DETERMINED TO STRUGGLE FOR THE REJECTION OF THE ABOVE

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ELECTIONS BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

4. REQUEST THE US GOVERNMENT TO CEASE INTERVENTION IN INTERNAL VIETNAMESE AFFAIRS WITH THE PURPOSE OF VALIDATING A FRAUDULENT, UNDEMOCRATIC ELECTION. WE BELIEVE THAT AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE US WHICH HAS A DEMOCRATIC TRADITION, YOU RECOGNIZE THE IMMEASURABLY HARMFUL CONSEQUENCES IF THE SEPTEMBER 3, 1967 ELECTION IS VALIDATED.

LEGALIZING A GOVERNMENT WHICH IS BASED ON BRUTAL FRAUD AND IN WHICH A MINORITY CONTROLS THE GREAT MAJORITY WILL NOT ONLY DISRUPT THE TASK OF BUILDING DEMOCRACY AND DEFEATING THE COMMUNIST INVASION BUT WILL ALSO CREATE A LOSS OF CONFIDENCE IN THE US AND CAUSE A WASTE OF THE BLOOD, BONES AND SACRIFICES OF THE SOLDIERS AND PEOPLE OF THE US AND ALLIES NOW FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM IN VIET-NAM. AT THE SAME TIME IT WILL LEAD THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE TO THE POINT WHERE THEY MUST CONSIDER THE UNITED STATES AS AN IMPERIALIST COUNTRY PLOTTING TO GOVERN VIET-NAM AND ALL OTHER UNDERDEVELOPED NATIONS.

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RESPECTFULLY,
SINGNED THE STEERING COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN: PHAN KHAC SUU
CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

VICE CHARIMAN: VU HONG KHANH
CHAIRMAN OF THE VN NATIONALIST

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VICE SECRETARY-GENERAL: PHAM THAI
UNQUOTE

4. WE PLAN NO REPLY OR SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT ON LETTER.
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